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C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 1586

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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN DEFENSE COMMISSION VISIT

REFS: (A) OSLO 336; (B) SECDEF 241945Z MARCH 76

1. CHAIRMAN OF NORWEGIAN DEFENSE COMMISSION RONALD
BYE DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT SECRETARY RUMSFELD'S INVITATION,
ACCORDING TO COMMISSION'S SECRETARIAT CHIEF ERIK
HIMLE, FORMAL ACCEPTANCE WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO
SECDEF THROUGH EMBASSY CHANNELS WHEN RECEIVED.
DURING MEETING CONVOKED BY HIMLE TO ADVISE US OF
ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION, WE WERE ABLE TO DEVELOP
MUCH CLEARER IDEA OF DESIRES OF COMMISSION AND
SCHEDULING DETAILS. THIS MESSAGE WILL ALSO
INCLUDE EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS FOR ITINERARY AS WELL AS
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. FULL LIST OF GROUP, INCLUDING
MEMBERS OF COMMISSION AND ACCOMPANYING MEMBERS OF
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SECRETARIAT, AT PARA 10.

2. HIMLE PROPOSED JUNE 22-28 (ETA NEW YORK JUNE 21) FOR INITIAL US PORTION OF VISIT. GROUP IS COMMITTED TO CANADIAN VISIT JUNE 29-30 BUT COULD RETURN TO US FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAM JULY 1-2 PRIOR TO FIRM DEPARTURE FOR OSLO FROM NEW YORK ON JULY 3. CANADIAN NATIONAL DAY JULY 1 CREATED PROBLEMS IN OTTAWA AND NORWEGIANS THUS WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO US FOR COMPLETION OF US PORTION OF PROGRAM.

3. GIVEN LIST OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES NORWEGIANS WISH TO DISCUSS, WE BELIEVE MINIMUM OF TWO FULL DAYS REQUIRED WASHINGTON AREA PLUS AN ADDITIONAL FULL DAY AT SAACLANT. OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON AREA, DEFENSE COMMISSION IDENTIFIED MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND (MAC) SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS, AS FIRST PRIORITY AND STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND (SAC), OMAHA, AS SECOND PRIORITY IF SCHEDULING CAN BE WORKED OUT. (WE NOTE VERY POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM VISIT OF PARLIAMENTARY DEFENSE COMMITTEE TO SAC HEADQUARTERS (7,3 1975.)

4. ON SUBSTANCE WE WOULD IDENTIFY THREE MAJOR ISSUES THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO ADDRESS: (1) US POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO NATO AND TO NORTHERN FLANK; POST-VIETNAM ERA HAS NEITHER ERODED OUR WILL NOR POLUNGAD US INTO NEO-ISOLATIONISM. (2) US HAS THE MILITARY MIGHT TO BACK UP THIS COMMITMENT AND TO COME TO THE AID OF NORWAY; WE ARE FULLY CAPABLE OF REINFORCING THE NORTHERN FLANK AND FULLY COGNIZANT OF SUBSTANTIAL SOVIET FORCES THAT WILL BE DEPLOYED TO INTERDICT THIS EFFORT. (3) THE US APPRECIATES NORWEGIAN EFFORTS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE BUT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE IN INCREASING DEFENSE SPENDING, MILITARY PREPAREDNESS AND MEASURES TO FACILITATE RECEPTION OF REINFORCEMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF MASSIVE SOVIET BUILDUP ON KOLA PENINSULA.

5. NORWEGIANS THEMSELVES HAVE IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WHICH COULD BE STRUCTURED AS FOLLOWS. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: US-SOVIET RELATIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICAL-MILITARY SITUATION IN EUROPE; US POLICY RE SVALBARD; US INTERESTS IN "NORTHERN AREAS", NORWAY AND NATO; STATUS OF SALT AND MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND/OR SAACLANT: US AND THE DEFENSE OF NORWAY; AIR/SEA REINFORCEMENT OF THE NORTHERN FLANK IN WARTIME; VARIOUS SCENARIOS ENVISAGED BY NATO CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR DEFENSE OF NORWAY; F-16 PROGRAM (A) IMPLEMENTATION OF MOU TO COPRODUCE,

(B) EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPATION--NORWAY,
(C) USAF PLANS FOR OPERATIONAL EMPLOYMENT OF F-16 IN
EUROPE. HIMLE HAS ALSO REQUESTED OPPORTUNITY TO
VISIT AMPHIBIOUS MARINE UNITS EARMARKED FOR MAF OPERA-
TIONS (PROBABLY BEST HANDLED BY SACLANT) AND BRIEF
RUNDOWN ON US NATIONAL GUARD PROGRAM. OPPORTUNITY
TO OBSERVE NATIONAL GUARD UNIT ALSO OF INTEREST BUT
LOWER PRIORITY THAN REQUEST TO VISIT UNITS OF USMC.
HIMLE OBSERVED THAT NORWEGIANS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
TO ACTUALLY OBSERVE USMC AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS DURING
EXERCISE TEAMWORK 76 SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN
NORWAY THIS FALL.

6. ONE FINAL SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE RAISED BY
HIMLE CONCERNS PLANS FOR CREATION OF
NORWEGIAN COAST GUARD AND COMMISSION'S DESIRE FOR
SHORT RUNDOWN ON ORGANIZATION/MISSION OF US COAST
GUARD. (ALONG WITH MOD, COMMISSION IS ACTIVELY
CONSIDERING PLANS FOR PROPOSED NEW COAST GUARD
WHICH WILL COME UNDER MOD AND HOPEFULLY SUPPLEMENT AND
NOT DETRACT FROM NORWAY'S DEFENSE FORCES.) WE BELIEVE
THAT THIS IS VALID SUBJECT IF IT COULD BE COVERED
DURING COMPACT ONE HOUR BRIEF AT DOD OR
STATE AND NOT COMPROMISE LARGER MORE
IMPORTANT ISSUES WHICH MUST BE COVERED DURING WASHINGTON
PORTION OF COMMISSION'S VISIT.

7. EMBASSY COMMENTS OSLO 226 WITH RESPECT TO KEY ROLE
DEFENSE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS WILL PLAY IN FOR-
MULATION OF FUTURE NORWEGIAN SECURITY POLICY AND
OPPORTUNITY FOR US INPUT AFFORDED BY COMMISSION'S
UPCOMING VISIT CANNOT BE OVEREMPHASIZED.
COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL ENCOMPASS PERIOD
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THROUGH 1985 AND, IN SOME INSTANCES, UP TO 1990.
WHERE APPROPRIATE, THEREFORE, OUR BRIEFINGS SHOULD
REFLECT THIS TIME SPAN.

8. REQUEST EMBASSY BE ADVISED SOONEST IF ACTION ADDRESSEES
PERCEIVE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES WITH DATES OF SUBSTANCE
PROPOSED BY NORWEGIAN DEFENSE COMMISSION. HIMLE
REQUESTS THAT NORWEGIAN DEFENSE ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON,
ADMIRAL PETTERSEN, BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED AND WE WOULD
APPRECIATE SAME.

9. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FORMER DATT OSLO, USAF
COL. MARLOWE B. SORGE, PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO USAF
ACADEMY, COLORADO SPRINGS, IS INTERESTED IN SERVING
AS US ESCORT OFFICER. EMBASSY FEELS HE IS WELL QUALIFIED

AND COMPETENT TO PERFORM THAT FUNCTION.

10. FOLLOWING LIST OF PARTICIPANTS WITH BRIEF BIO
NOTES PROVIDED BY COMMISSION:

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POSSIBLY ONE ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL NOTE YET DESIGNATED FROM
COMMISSION SECRETARIAT. NORWEGIAN DEFENSE ATTACHE IN
WASHINGTON ADMIRAL PETTERSEN WILL ACCOMPANY. BYRNE UNQUOTE
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